(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have received details of number of people and villages and towns who will have to be evacuated who are living within the dam shadow or just below the proposed dam across the river Godavari; and

(d) the details of such displacement below the proposed dam submitted to Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Resettlement and Rehabilitation report submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh the state-wise number of people likely to be displaced by the construction of proposed Indira Sagar (Polavarm) irrigation project on Godavari is as under:—

Sl. No.	State	Total population in numbers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,77,275
2.	Orissa	6,316
3.	Chhattisgarh	11,746
	Total	**1,95,337**

(c) and (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not informed separately the number of people and villages and towns who will be affected on the down stream of the Dam.

Construction of Babli Barrage by Maharashtra

4096. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Babli Barrage by Maharashtra Government would affect the people of six districts of Andhra Pradesh and 18 lakh acres of land in these districts would go dry as they would be deprived of their due share of water;

(b) if so, whether the two States alongwith him are holding meetings with officials of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra Government with a view to resolve the dispute over the construction of Babli Barrage across the river Godavari; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) According to Andhra Pradesh construction of Babli Barrage by Maharashtra on Godavari will reduce the inflow to an extent of 4.05 TMC in Sri Ram Sagar Project.

(b) and (c) An interstate meeting at the level of Minister of Water Resources and Chief Ministers of States was convened on 4.4.2006 in which following decisions were taken:—

(i) A Technical Committee headed Chairman or by a senior officer of Central Water Commission and consisting of representatives of the States shall go into the details of various issues involved in Babli Barrage project. The Technical Committee shall submit a report as early as possible but not later than 20th May, 2006.

(ii) Till the Technical Committee submits its report, the status quo in respect of activities of the Babli Barrage project shall be maintained and further construction work will not be done by the State of Maharashtra.

Displacement of tribals due to Polavaram project

4097. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request to look into the issue of tribals displacement due to the large irrigation projects particularly to Polavaram Project; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to address the concerns of tribals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has received proposal for clearance of Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) plan related with tribals of Polavaram irrigation project. The R & R plan has not been cleared. The Ministry has directed the State Government to follow the Constitutional provisions enshrined in Schedule-V and under the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 so that the interests of tribals are not adversely affected.